

#### **F-111 Open** House

There will be an open house and farewell ceremony March 13 for the last EF-111 to undergo periodic depot maintenance at McClellan. The event will be held at the northeast corner of Bldg. 251 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will feature static aircraft displays and history walls.

All base employees are invited, and a special invitation is extended to all current and former F-111 employees. Free lunch will be provided.

### Safety speaker gives briefing

Motivational safety speaker, Art Fettig, will visit McClellan, March 4 to give his highly-acclaimed safety presentation at the Base Theater. For more details, see page 4.

#### EIS and CS **Blood Drive**

There will be a blood drive Feb. 27 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 686's main conference room.

For more information, or an appointment, contact Joan Rubinson at 643-5229, Staff Sgt. Dawn Lews at 643-3754, or Debra Schnuth at 643-3744. Please drink plenty of fluids before donating and bring your I.D.

## **Upcoming events**

-- Town Hall meeting: March 7, at 9 a.m., Base Theater, to discuss health issues with military beneficiaries affected by closure. See page 7 for more details.

-- The next Officers' Orientation Program will be held March 26 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Officers' Club. It is open to all McClellan officers. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Daniel Marine, 643-5885.

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# **CE R**EADINESS **Division Goes P**RIMETIME

(Right) Staff Sgt. Paul Kineke, Operations NCO for the 77th Civil Engineer Group Readiness Division, explains to KOVR-13 news reporter, Dave Schermer, how the voice amplifier works on the MCU-2A/P gas mask.

(Below) Kineke demonstrates the use of the chemical detection alarm system used to warn airmen of the presence of chemical or biological agents. Schermer visited McClellan Feb. 18 to highlight the latest chemical warfare protection equipment and procedures used by service members deploying worldwide.

U.S. Air Force Photos by Senior Airman Michael P. Coller





# Shoplifting? Big Brother is watching

**Bonita L. Dobbs** Staff Writer

Been shoplifting lately? Thought you got away with it – didn't you? Think again.

Those pretty glass globes placed in the ceiling throughout the Army Air Force Exchange Service and mall at McClellan are not there just for looks. They are cameras, and big brother/sister is watching you.

A higher rate of shoplifting incidents might only be expected throughout the holidays, but that doesn't seem to be the case at McClellan's Base Exchange. Recently, there has been an increase in the number of incidents, with at least six occurring within the past week. "The number of theft incidents vary. Some months we have maybe four or five incidents. Some months there are less. This month, however, it seems that we have had more, which is surprising, since February is a short month," said Nadine Graham, security manager for the Army Air Force Exchange Service located at McClellan.

Graham attributes catching more shoplifters early this year to a recent remodel of the store. Four

cameras have been moved to other areas of the store because of the remodeling, and more movement is planned. Also contributing to the success of the security program at the Base Exchange is employee training and awareness.

AAFES directs what and where merchandise and signs are placed in the store. Therefore, when a sign has to be moved to an area that causes it to block a camera, the camera is moved as well. "All together, we currently have 25 cameras throughout the store, with six more on the way," said Graham. The cameras, operated from the security office, can zoom in close enough to read a receipt as it is printed out. If print that small can be read, certainly identification can be seen as you check in or out of the store.

Cameras are not the only way of watching for theft. Security officers are placed throughout the store, as well as in the control room during operating hours. Is that person standing next to you just another customer; or, could they be security? There is no badge; no radio; no way to really identify that person as security.

Another form of security is

tagging the merchandise. AAFES' system is not those little plastic pins that spills ink all over the merchandise if improperly removed. This tag, unless you know what you are looking for, you may not suspect. Once scanned at the check-out, it is deactivated. If it is not deactivated at check-out, it will set off an alarm as the item is removed from the store.

What happens when an individual is caught shoplifting. "We are not here to embarrass the customer. Before confronting a suspected shoplifter, we take every step to be sure shoplifting has actually occurred," said Graham. If an individual has gotten away with taking something in the past, that does not mean that they were not seen. "If we are not absolutely positive that an individual has taken something, we note it and watch for them in the future. All personnel are informed and videos are reviewed, so security can be notified when the individual is back in the store," Graham added. "People are 'creatures of habit;' they come in at the same time, same day and do the same thing. It is after we are positive that the

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# ACTION LINE

#### 643-3344

Action Line 77 ABW/CC 5241 Arnold Ave. McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1086

#### email: Actionline

Since I've been your wing commander, I've had much opportunity to hear from you on how we can make things better. This **Action Line** has been a key avenue and remains a good means to obtain feedback on how we're doing and how we can improve.

If you have or see a problem, try to work it through the responsible agency or activity first, since that will provide the most rapid resolution or action. If you still can't get the problem resolved, then try to work it through your chain of command. If the problem still exists after you've taken these two steps, then let me know so we can try to help.

In your request, please be brief, but include enough information to address the entire issue. Also, please let me know the specific action you want taken. I need your name, duty phone, and address so that we may send you a written response. I treat each call very seriously

AAFES	920-0537
Civilian Pay	643-6725
Civil Engineering	643-5624
Civilian Personnel	643-2860
Commissary	643-4954
Crime Stop Hotline	643-6161
Dining Hall	643-5092
Family Services	643-1106
Focus Center #1	643-5661
Fraud, Waste & Abuse	643-6000
Housing	643-6221
Legal	643-6700



Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard 77th Air Base Wing commander

and read each response. If I feel the issue is of interest to the entire McClellan community, we may also print it and the response in the *Spacemaker*.

Our overall goal is to better serve you. In this same vein, we also like to highlight those areas that provide high quality or exceptional support, so we can build upon and expand them. To do these things, I need your involvement.

I also welcome your input in other ways. On a quarterly basis, I hold Town Hall meetings with community members, and I regularly meet with various groups on base (the Chiefs, First Sergeants, etc.). Please plug into one of these avenues to get your voice heard. You have a say in how we serve you!

Lodging643-6223 Medical
McClellan Clinic — 643-8300
Mather Hospital — 643-7110
Military Pay643-6965
Military Personnel643-1094
Public Affairs643-6127
Security Forces643-6160
Services/MWR643-6660
Social Actions643-3322
Supply643-5213
Uniform Questions643-4051

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## Authorized base entry

A while back, I had to drive my father's car to work. When I arrived at the Peacekeeper Gate, the guard told me that I had to get a visitor's pass for the car. There were two cars ahead of me that the guard just waved in without a decal. Do the guards have the right to let cars in without a decal? How fair is that? Don't we all work for the same people? Isn't my blue base ID considered proper credentials for base access?

A Thank you for your concern regarding authorized entry at our gates. If a

vehicle is not registered on base and does not have a base decal (DD Form 2220), it must go to the Palm Gate Visitor Reception Center. Some exceptions are: a current AF Form 75, Visitor's Pass; a rental whose operator has TDY orders; or, if the vehicle is an authorized vendor.

The gate sentry does not pick and choose who will be allowed access and who will not be allowed access. They have clearly defined Operating Instructions for who can and cannot enter the base.

If you have any more problems or concerns, please feel free to contact Senior Master Sgt. Dwight White, 77th Security Forces operations superintendent, at 643-2020.

# Why can't we get King's tickets?

I was disappointed to hear that Rafferty Hall will no longer sell King's tickets. What is the reason?

A We had 16 season tickets; however, they were not used. Consquently, our MWR fund lost money on tickets not sold.

The King's basketball tickets are on sale at Arco Arena and at all Bass ticket outlets. We ask our King's fans to please purchase your tickets through these sources. Thank

# Privacy Act do's and don'ts you need to know

Deanna Mitchell

77th Communications Squadron

As a federal employee, have you ever wondered if your personal information maintained in a Privacy Act system of records is truly protected from disclosure? Do you ponder and ask yourself: "Is my personal data accessible to just about anyone?" "What information can or cannot be released about me to the public?" "Are my records protected and disposed of in accordance with records retention schedules?"

The Privacy Act of 1974, subsequent DoD directives, and AFI 37-132 (Air Force Privacy Act Program) dated March 11, 1994, all emphasize the importance of maintaining personal information for official purposes only. This personal information, regardless of format (hard copy, electronic, etc.), becomes an official record required to carry out an Air Force mission or function. Most commonly, the record, consisting of any item, collection or grouping of information about an individual, is retrieved by the individual's name and one other unique identifier -- usually a social security number.

In this world of computers, advanced information technology has heightened the potential for invasion of official records ultimately opening the door for possible harm to an individual's privacy. So, how do we as administrators of these types of records safeguard them against unauthorized collection, access, or use?

With the onset of the new fiscal year, Lt. Gen. William J. Donahue, director, communications and

information, Headquarters USAF/SC, has provided guidance to all major commands with reference to safeguarding personal information. In fact, this direction is a result of DoD's swift action on behalf of all the services to address a privacy-related issue regarding information published in the *Congressional Record*.

Before collecting or disclosing personal information, it is imperative for stewards of these records to become fully aware of the Privacy Act **DO's** and **DON'Ts!**For instance, did you know that you **DO** provide a Privacy Act warning statement in system designs when such system contains personal information? Did you also know that you **DON'T** collect personal data from an individual without providing them a Privacy Act statement or access to a statement

explaining why the information is needed and how it will be used?

These are just a few of the guidelines established to assist us in reevaluating the way in which we do business with regards to privacy information.

So, now you're on your way to understanding the **DO**'s and **DON'Ts** of protecting personal information! Let's reinforce our efforts to ensure that we minimize the possible threat to invasion of privacy! A complete list of the **DO's and DON'Ts** can be found on the Official Bulletin Board and on the Internet at www. int.mcclellan.af.mil/CS/SCSC/foia.html.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Deanna Mitchell, McClellan's Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Manager, at 643-3131.

# Military justice not luxury, but necessity

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Perez
Tinker Air Force Base installation
commander

The right of an accused to have his or her case decided by a group of impartial citizens is thought by many to be the most important right protected under the Constitution. However, those of us in the Armed Forces, the very protectors of those rights we hold so dear, often view the military justice program, particularly duties as court-martial members, as drudgery that takes us away from "real" work.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Military justice is not a luxury, it's a necessity. A wellfunctioning military justice program is essential to maintaining discipline. Our system of military justice makes us an effective fighting force. Without it, we are nothing more than an armed mob.

The military justice program is designed to fulfill unique requirements. It accommodates worldwide personnel mobility and unit deployments. It punishes crimes

and protects the rights of military members. It provides highly qualified defense counsel for members charged with crimes. These members are allowed to be present and to offer evidence at all hearings and are given assistance in obtaining witnesses and experts at government expense.

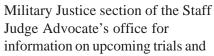
Our system may be the fairest in the world. And who makes it possible? We do. Most NCOs and officers will be asked to be court-martial members at some time in their careers. Such service often involves a short-term but significant dedication of time, both from the person selected and those in his or her unit who must "pick up the slack."

At times, this commitment may be difficult, but being chosen to serve as a member of a courtmartial should not be viewed as an inconvenience. Instead, it is a chance to play a crucial role in carrying out military justice.

Unlike the civilian system, military "jurors" aren't chosen at random. The Uniform Code of Military Justice sets a high standard for court-martial members. They must be of the highest character and are chosen because of their age, education, training,

experience, length of service and judicial temperament.

Whether you are chosen to serve as a court member, I encourage each of you — military or civilian — to watch our military justice system in action. Courts-martial are open to the public. Call the



sit in when you can. I think you will be impressed.

The military justice program is a means to an end: fair and even-handed discipline within the com-

mand. We would never settle for a halfhearted effort when it comes to readiness or safety on a flight line. Similarly, we should never settle for anything less than our best when it comes to our military justice duties, because it is, after all, an essential means of maintaining the discipline that makes it

possible to accomplish our mission. Is our nation entitled to anything

# Keeping afloat through floods of change

Cleora J. O'Neil

Special Emphasis Program Manager for Women, Civilian Personnel Office

In a time of VSIP/VERA, operating locations, changing rules, etc., it is sometimes hard to feel any control over one's future. Sometimes it feels like El Niño hit the workplace, and just when you think there's a break in the storm another wave of change occurs. It is hard to anticipate the changing tides and surprise waves. Hope deferred makes the heart sad. I have felt turmoil being at a closing base, and if you have felt that too, I have written this is for you. I thought of ways we still have control over

our individual lives, for we are more than our jobs and more than our careers. I share the following ideas with the hope that we will feel more in control of our lives

What things can we utilize to maintain a sense of continuity and security in our lives? In asking myself this question, the following were my answers. The number one thing we all have control over is our power to make decisions -- what to believe in and whether to think negatively or positively. Belief in a higher power and certain values gives a foundation to life. During the floods of 1998 in northern California one newscaster stated if you get caught in a flood, float on your back, face up and feet first. Looking up in the flood of change helps give perspective.

Deciding to think positive is a step forward to solving problems and in making good decisions. This morning my daughter asked me "Did you say something?" I say "No, but I can. Should I say something

negative or positive?" She said, "I wouldn't pick anything negative." We don't want to hear anything negative from others, but how often do we choose to speak negative to ourselves?

Gratitude is an attitude. I decided it was an attitude that I wanted, so I'm following Oprah Winfrey's example of keeping a gratitude journal. She writes down five things each day for which she is grateful. Looking for things for which to be grateful has increased my awareness of the positives in life.

Sometimes looking at "what is the worst that could happen" can help us make a good contingency plan or two. "What if" is a game that allows for possibility thinking.

Although our jobs are going away, we have jobs today and we can decide if we are going to be part of the problem or part of the solution.

Can we do things to make the workplace better and get more job fulfillment? Can we find a need and fill it?

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Perez

We have control over how well we take care of our spiritual, physical, emotional and mental selves. Health is important, but easy to take for granted when it is good. I recently started going to a health club, which is a step forward in creating a healthy lifestyle. Long after the base is closed, my body should still be functioning. I want it healthy in order to travel and enjoy life.

We can decide on how we relate to others. The relationships include with a higher power, with spouse (for those who are married), children, parents, neighbors, friends, coworkers, and self. We can choose whether

to be grouchy or friendly, caustic or helpful. We can choose to have our actions/words enhance and help others. Treating others kindly and even doing random acts of kindness are decisions we can make.

We can work on our finances. Reducing debt and having a savings account adds to a sense of personal security. Drawing out a timeline of monetary goals helps to achieve them. A little self-denial for long-term gain can be rewarding. Saving leave is another way to stash some cash.

Self-development, including classes, enhances selfesteem and a sense of worth. Social clubs (for example, Toastmasters) is a form of self-development, which can be very helpful in self-expression. Spend time with positive people with similar values whom you can encourage and who will encourage you.

Leisure time is important. Putting energy into a hobby can be productive and we can get lost in time "in the flow" of the project. A fun hobby can be relaxing and

The job situation is only one facet of our lives and sometimes it does spin out of our control and we feel flooded with changes. We still have control over important issues in our own lives. We have decision-making power. We can decide whether to believe in a higher power.

We can alter our perception of things by viewing things positively and one helpful way is to keep a gratitude journal. We choose our attitude. We can look at the worst possible scenario and develop contingency plans. We can work on job fulfillment today: a healthy lifestyle, our relationships, finances, leave, self-development and last, but not least, the enjoyment of our hobbies. We are more than our jobs and we can take charge of many facets of our lives.



Cleora J. O'Neil

can be the pause that refreshes.

# AF announces FY '98 drawdown program deadline

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- With its fiscal 1998 force reduction goals within reach and as force levels stabilize, the Air Force is ending acceptance of applications for its various separation programs for lieutenant colonels and below as of March 3.

Colonels should contact the Colonels Group directly regarding application submissions.

The program, which opened Dec. 2, is ending acceptance of applications because the point in the fiscal year when all date of separation applications should be submitted is fast approaching, officials said. As with all officer date-of-separation requests, the Air Force requires a six-month application lead time.

Service officials expect officers have decided whether or not they will separate in fiscal year 1998. The deadline merely reminds them of the need to formally make their wishes known.

Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, deputy chief of staff for personnel, noted that "as promised

when we announced the programs, involuntary separations would be used as a last resort. I'm extremely happy we will be able to meet our goals through voluntary methods."

Almost 500 officers have applied for early retirement while another 375 have applied for waivers to active-duty service commitments, the main two programs used. These figures, added to projected normal separation losses, will enable the service to reach its goals. An enlisted program was not needed for fiscal year 1998 since its reduction target will be reached through normal attrition.

With the fiscal year 1998 application process ending, McGinty added, many members may wonder whether there will be a fiscal 1999 program, and if so, when it will open.

"Right now, if we have a program at all, it will most likely be very focused on specific skills for force structure reasons," he said.

"Since end strength decreases by small numbers for fiscal year 1999, we don't think

we'll need a large program. It's almost assured we'll not have an enlisted drawdown program."

McGinty went on to remind members, who may not recall, that drawdown programs are force reduction tools, not entitlements, and are only exercised when needed.

"Even back in the early 1990s, Air Force leaders said that toward the end of the decade when the drawdown wound down, the programs would get smaller and smaller, and they were right," he said. "Consider that we started the drawdown in 1986 with 608,000 members and we are now down to 371,000 members. We achieved 95 percent of the reductions using voluntary methods, and that is truly an Air Force success story."

Applications should be submitted to military personnel flights by March 3. The Air Force Personnel Center will then evaluate all requests considering each officer's desires, career field manning, etc., and have a decision on all applications by April 15.

# NCOA scholarship deadline approaches

The Noncommissioned Officers Association annually awards 35 scholarship grants to children and spouses of NCOA members: \$900 - 18 academic and four vocational awards to children of members; nine academic and one vocational award to spouses of members; and \$1000 - three special grants are awarded each year; the Mary Barraco Scholarship, presented to the student submitting the best essay on Americanism; the William T. Green Scholarship, presented to the student with the best high school academic record; and the NCOA/Pentagon Federal Credit Union Grant.

Most of the grants are renewable each year with approval from the scholarship committee. Each has specific requirements for submission. The deadline for submission of a complete package is March 31. For additional information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-1141 or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Johnson at 568-4196.

# Motivational safety speaker to give briefing at theater

One of the most popular and dynamic speakers in the safety field will visit McClellan on Mar. 4 to give his highly-acclaimed safety presentation.

Art Fettig, a fixture in the field of safety for 50 years has been a keynote and featured speaker at numerous national and state conventions. In addition, he has conducted presentations for Fortune 500 corporations such as Intel, Exxon, American Electric Power and Texas Utilities.

He is the author of several dozen

books and is featured in over 50 videos.

Fettig will make his presentation in three sessions at the Base Theater. The sessions are scheduled for 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 1 p.m.

Because of limited seating, the SM-ALC Safety Office will work with organizational safety coordinators to assign available space. If you do not have a unit safety coordinator, call Rick Hight at the Safety Office at 643-5537.

For those who cannot attend, the program will be made available on video tape.

# **FOCUS Center News**

#### **FOCUS Center Job List**

This section contains special job announcements from the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. New entries will always be added to the top of the list. Older entries will be removed at the end of each month. For additional information on these jobs contact your FOCUS Center.

Position: Wildlife Biologist, GS-

486-11/12

Annc #: FWS-FWS1-98-39

Close: March 2

**Agency:** Department of Interior

**Position:** Maintenance Mechanic,

FW-4749-8/9/10

Annc #: AWP-AAF-98-14DJRF-

26630

Close: March 4

**Agency:** F.A.A.

Location: Sacramento, Calif. **POC:** F.A.A., (310) 725-7878 **Remarks:** Review vacancy announcement, call agency for required forms and KSAs.

Position: Civil Engineer, GS-810-

**Annc #:** BOR-MP-97-172

Close: Feb. 27

**Agency:** Department of Interior

Location: Sacramento, Calif. POC: Personnel Office, (916) 978-

**Remarks**: Review vacancy announcement, call agency for required forms and KSAs.

Position: Program Support Assis-

tant, GS-303-6 **Annc #:** 98-23LG Close: March 3

**Agency:** Department of Veterans

**Affairs** 

**Location**: Chico, Callif. POC: Barbara Nelson, (510) 372-2699

**Remarks:** Review vacancy announcement, call agency for required forms and KSAs.

Position: Maintenance Mechanic,

WG-4749-7

**Annc #:** CG98-055-IMS

Close: March 3

Agency: U. S. Coast Guard Location: Petaluma, Calif. **POC:** USA Jobs, (919) 790-2822 Remarks: Review vacancy announcement, call agency for required forms and KSAs.

Position: District Ranger, GS-340-

**Annc** #: R517-045-98 Close: March 16 Agency: U. S. D. A. **Location:** Nevada City, Calif. POC: Human Resources Office

(530) 478-6163 Remarks: Review vacancy

announcement, call agency for required forms and KSAs.

Position: Supervisory Administrative Support Assistant, GS-303-8 **Annc #:** FWS-FWS1-98-49

Close: March 3

Agency: Department of Interior Location: Sacramento, Calif. **POC:** Personnel Office, (503) 231-2018

Remarks: Review vacancy announcement, call agency for required forms and KSAs.

# ' 98 AFAF drive begins

**Maj. Mitch Valder**Project Installation Officer

Fundraising for the 1998 Air Force Assistance Fund started yesterday and runs through March 31. The McClellan Air Force Base "Shootoff Rally" will be held at the Base Gym tomorrow at 11 a.m. A \$5 contri-bution gets you a ball at the freethrow line. Most consecutive shots wins a nice trophy and a picture in the

Spacemaker. Organizations are encouraged to sponsor their best shooters.

The AFAF is funded through contributions from Air Force employees to help Air Force members. Anyone may contribute. The AFAF supports a variety of services. The Air Force Aid Society



U.S. Air Force Photo by Henry Walker

SM-ALC vice commander, Brig. Gen. Mike Wiedemer fills out his AFAF contribution form, kicking off the campaign. Surrounding him are Maj. Mitch Valder, 1st Lt. Karen Smola, 2nd Lt. Steven Tait and Maj. Rick Spenser.

provides loans and grants for Air Force members in need, and scholarships for dependents and spouses. Air Force Village is a retirement home for spouses of officers. Funding for the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home allows subsidies for indigent persons. The General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation provides Air Force widows financial support so they might

live near family and friends.

Contact your unit project coordinator for details, or call the McClellan AFAF Team: 2nd Lt. Steve Tait, 77 CS/SCM, 643-0992; 2nd Lt. Karen Smola, 77 CEG/ CCE, 643-5315; Maj. Rick Spencer, 77 CS/SCM, 643-0243; and Maj. Mitch Valder, SM-ALC/LAR, 643-0558.

#### AFAF INSTALLATION PROJECT OFFICERS Organization Officer Duty # Ext. Maj Mitch Valder 643-5500 SM-ALC/LAR Maj Rick Spencer 643-2043 77 CS/SCM 77 CEG/CCE 2nd Lt. Karen Smola 643-5315 643-0992 77 CS/SCM 2nd Lt. Steve Tait AFAF UNIT PROJECT OFFICERS SM-ALC/CC Chuck Burkhalter 643-3347 SM-ALC/MQ Bob Perez 643-2876 SM-ALC/FM Master Sgt. Jorgeprim Agcaoili 643-2015 SM-ALC/CL 643-1001 Maj. Gonzalo Vergara SM-ALC/JA Airman 1st Class Leifholt 643-6700 SM-ALC/EM Tech. Sgt. Geronimo Galban 643-0402 643-4095 SM-ALC/PK Capt. Pierce Tucker SM-ALC/LA 643-5431 Capt. Gina Basuino 643-1044 x 352 SM-ALC/LH 1st Lt. Chris Carroll SM-ALC/LI Capt. Barry Jones 643-1554 x597 SM-ALC/QL Senior Master Sgt. Setmaer 643-0296 SM-ALC/TI Capt. Paul Simonich 643-2010 77 ABW/CC 2nd Lt. Mark Koch 643-6027 77 ABW/XP 643-2054 Chief Master Sgt. William Orum 77 ABW/LG Staff Sgt. Annette Negrone 643-4805 77 ABW/SA 643-2023/5 Master Sgt. James Bork 77 CEG/CC Tech. Sgt. Darnell Shumpert 643-0700 2nd Lt. Ian Rybczyenksi 643-8520 77 MDG 77 OSS/CC Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Breedlove 643-5353 77 SPTG Airman 1st Class Mileette Mercy 643-6293 77 CS/CC Master Sgt. Michael Helms 77 MSS Capt. Jarrard Galbreath 643-1094 Tech. Sgt. Ken Perkins 643-5171 77 SFS 938 EIS/CC Senior Airman David Bradway 643-5229 652 CLSS/CC Master Sgt. Chris Poston 643-6785 4 AF/CC Senior Master Sgt. 643-3046 Charlene McMillan 364 RSQ/CC 643-2273 x230 1st Lt. Donald Harwood DET 112, AFOSI Ed Kopfle 643-3714 643-0933 CAP Maj. Mark Thompson AFROTC Det 88 643-0924 Capt. Dan Davis DET 40 Staff Sgt. Thomas Norling 586-4164

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# Top Dollar Team runs the gamut again

Staff Sgt. Alan S. Williams 364th Recruiting Squadron

The 77th Air BaseWing Top Dollar Team is preparing for the first phase of the 1998 Top Dollar competition, which will take place here beginning March 2.

Top Dollar is an event used to test comptroller and contracting personnel in wartime situations. Personnel are evaluated on performance in required areas of knowledge such as wartime contracting, bartering and negotiating, foreign vendors, banks and currency, unfit currency, counterfeit money, and unfit food and water. Other areas of evaluation include personal physical conditioning, weapons proficiency (9 millimeter handgun), and the teams ability to operate during chemical warfare scenarios and perform self aid and buddy care.

The competition is comprised of two phases: Phase I consists of an evaluation by an Air Force Materiel Command team at the home-stations, from there, the top five of the 11 teams will be selected to compete in the second phase; Phase II, selected teams will deploy to a neutral site to take part in the combat support contingency exercise at Major Command level.

"Top Dollar isn't about winning or losing; it's a learning process," said Capt. Michael E. Everton, team chief.

This years team members are: Capt. Michael E. Everton, team chief; 2nd Lt. Sanjit Singh, deputy team chief; Master Sgt. Loida C. Anderson, Staff Sgt. Vivian A. Brown and Senior Airmen Cory J. McKain, Luis F. Castro, and Leslie W. Collier.







U.S. Air Force Photos by Lt. Tom Knowles

Robert and Madeline Taylor of Placerville look down upon 130 northern California fire trucks which took part in the annual Burn Brigade, Feb. 12, here. The event is sponsored by the Fire Fighters Pacific Burn Institute in order to raise money for burn victims and to support the burn ward at U.C. Davis Medical Center. Upon their arrival at McClellan, fire department personnel ate lunch and later took part in a parade which took them to the State Capitol and culminated at Arco Arena. This is the second year the firefighters utilized McClellan's facilities.

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# Equal Opportunity: whose program is it anyway?

Master Sgt. James J. Bork Jr. Social Actions Office

The Military Equal Opportunity and Treatment Program is not just for active duty members. It protects the active duty member, their family members (spouses, children, and or other dependents), and reservists depending on their duty status.

A military family member is protected whether on base, off base, shopping in a grocery or department store, trying to rent an apartment or buy a house. The Air Force Equal Opportunity program is guided by AFI 36-2706. It states that the base-level Social Actions Office may accept formal complaints of discrimination and sexual harassment from family members, if not related to DoD civilian employment.

The Air Force policy on discrimination and sexual harassment is clearly stated.

Unlawful Discrimination—The Air Force will conduct its affairs free from unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment. It provides equal opportunity and treatment for all members regardless of age, color, national origin, race, ethnic group, religion, or gender, except as prescribed by

statute or policy.

Sexual Harassment—Is a form of sex discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

•Submission of such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of a person's job, pay, or career (quid pro quo harassment).

•Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by a person is used as a basis for career or employment decisions affecting that person, or (quid pro quo harassment).

•Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

This definition emphasizes that workplace conduct, to be actionable as "abusive work environment" harassment, needs not to result in concrete psychological harm to the victim, but rather needs only to be so severe or pervasive that a reasonable person would perceive, and the victim does perceive, the work environment as hostile or offensive.

"Work-place" is an expansive term for military members and may include conduct on or off duty, 24 hours a day.

Any person in a supervisory or command position who uses or condones any form of sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the career, pay, or job of a military

member or civilian employee is engaging in sexual harassment. Similarly, any military member or civilian employee who makes deliberate or repeated unwelcome verbal comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature in the workplace is also engaging in sexual harassment.

These policies are in place to support and protect our people and ensure we can focus on the

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U.S. Air Force Photo by Ester A. Stubbs

Master Sgt. James Bork, 77th Air Base Wing Social Actions, explains the roles and responsibilities of equal opportunities to Airman 1st Class Peter Selga, 77th Communications Squadron and George M. Williams and Patricia E. Duggins, both from the Advanced Structure Branch of the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate, during an Equal Opportunity Awareness 2000 Class, Monday, in Bldg. 1042.

Air Force mission. Any case of discrimination or sexual harassment undermines our effectiveness and has a negative impact on each and every one of us.

The Social Actions Office is prepared to answer your questions and address you concerns regarding discrimination and or sexual harassment. Please call 643-3322 or visit our office at 5727 Perrin Ave.

## SHOPLIFTING

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individual is shoplifting, that we take action," Graham continued.

Also before apprehending a suspect, the individual is afforded every opportunity to pay for the item(s) as they leave the store. AAFES security waits for the individual to physically depart the store before addressing the situation. "Sometimes an individual takes something, but before they leave the store, they lose their nerve and leave the merchandise laying somewhere else in the store," said Graham.

Once the situation has been addressed, Security Forces is called in on a suspected shoplifting incident. If the suspect refuses to cooperate and leaves, one security officer follows them to their vehicle to get the license number and description of the vehicle, while another calls in security forces. The suspect has not gotten away yet! "The support that we get from Security Forces here is great! I attribute that to the Security Forces commander for the messages he sends his troops." said Graham.

For a military dependent or retiree, shoplifting means an automatic loss of AAFES privileges for two to six months. The military member's commander is also notified of the incident and the

member is reminded of their responsibility for the actions of their dependents.

The suspect can request a hearing, which is then conducted by the Base Legal Office General Law Section. Once the hearing has been conducted, the attorney makes recommendations to Colonel John C. Scherer, commander, 77th Support Group, who then determines whether or not the loss of privileges are to be upheld or modified. "If you are going to shoplift, AAFES is not the place to do it," said Scherer.

Additionally, once final determination is made, the case may be turned over to the local U.S. Attorney's office for prosecution. If convicted, the shoplifter could face fines and possible jail time.

If the offender is an active duty member, the member may be subject to punishment under the UCMJ. Punishment varies according to the value of the merchandise taken, and could result in a courtmartial that could result in a discharge and possible jail time in a military facility. "One such courtmartial recently occurred here at McClellan, which did result in a bad conduct discharge of a military member," said Maj. Al Crews, chief, Acquisition and General Law

In today's society, a reminder of the messages being sent to the young people of America comes to mind. What kind of message are we sending our young people if we as parents or grandparents shoplift. More importantly, what kind of message are we sending if we are called in because a member of our family has been caught shoplifting, and we cover up for them. If or when you get that call, think about the message you want to send. Do you condone theft?

## 5th CMSAF visits McClellan

Senior Airman Michael P. Coller

SM-ALC Public Affairs

"Today, I see young airmen in highly-technical positions that, back in my time, never would've been," said retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor. "I've seen many improvements in the training and technology involved in Air Force operations today.

Gaylor was in the 29th year of his career when he was selected to be CMSAF. He spent the first 18 years as a security policeman and went on to work in the field of professional military education up until the time he was selected.

"My scope throughout my career had been fairly narrow," said Gaylor. "When I became CMSAF, my scope expanded drastically. I was able to see the whole picture of the Air Force."

Gaylor was initially overwhelmed by the vast area for

which he was responsible.

"It was a learning experience throughout the two years that I had the job," said Gaylor.

Gaylor learned a great deal while serving as CMSAF. He used his past mistakes as teaching tools for teaching young airmen how to have a successful Air Force experience.

"Airmen these days need to take advantage of the educational benefits the Air Force has to offer," said Gaylor. "I know now that there was a great deal about the Air Force I wasn't aware of. Today's airmen need to pick up where I left off."

Gaylor spoke at the Outstanding Airmen of the Year banquet Feb. 19 to the appreciation of a packed NCO Club. His words encouraged the many attendees and filled the Air Force bluesuiters with pride.

Gaylor retired in 1979, after a distinguished 31-year career.

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P.A. Corner is another service provided by the Medical Group to better serve the base community.

Answers to medical questions that you may have will periodically appear in this column as they are submitted to: P.A. Hill, c/o Family Practice Clinic, McClellan AFB, 643-8301.

I have pink eye and have been told by friends that I should be on antibiotics for treatment. Can you tell me a little about this disease and if treatment is needed?

Pink eye, otherwise known as conjunctivitis, is the most common disorder that can affect the eye. The ways that you can get it include being passed through the air, by direct contact with dirty hands, prolonged contact lens wear, or an inflammation of the eyelids. There are more serious causes of conjunctivitis, but they are rare and present more severe complaints.

The conjunctiva is a thin, transparent

membrane that covers the front of your eye. It is there to protect the cornea from dirt, dust, and microorganisms. So when inflamed, it is doing it's job, but is being overworked.

The number one cause of conjunctivitis is viral. Symp-

toms can include red eyes and tearing of one or both eyes. This can be accompanied by a cold and swelling of certain lymph nodes. Other than being a nuisance, viral conjunctivitis will resolve on it's own. Things that will lessen the symptoms include artificial tears and cool compresses (a cool moist wash cloth across closed eyelids). Good hand washing is a must to stop the spread of this infection to others. A virus should not be treated with antibiotic drops — this is how antibiotic resistance is established. With this said, some schools still insist that all children with conjunctivitis, no matter the cause, to be on antibiotics prior to returning to school. With or without treatment the symptoms will last 10 to 14 days.

Allergic conjunctivitis is another common cause, especially here in California due to the high allergy counts in the air. Itching, which can be quite severe, is the determining factor here, along with the redness and tearing. Both eyes are typically affected and there is a history of seasonal allergies or asthma. This also resolves on it's own, but there are a

few antihistamine type medications that can help the symptoms along with a cool compress. However, avoidance of the allergen is the most important means of controlling the symptoms.

Blepharitis is inflammation of the eyelids from infection or certain skin disorders, such as seborrhea, that can also cause conjunctival irritation. Symptoms are redness and itching of the lids and conjunctiva along with a loss of lashes. Treatment for this is lid scrubs with baby shampoo on a wash cloth twice a day. This condition can become chronic, so good hygiene is a must.

Bacterial conjunctivitis, which is not as common as the above three, is also from direct contact or via the air. It typically presents itself with red eyes, tearing, some itching, and a thick, yellowish discharge from one or both eyes. This infection should be treated with an antibiotic solution along with cool compresses.

Any conjunctivitis for individuals that wear contact lenses should be evaluated right away due to the severity of the bacteria that is associated with them. They should also remove their contacts and wear glasses until the infection is treated, or, if viral, resolves on it's own.

There are many other less common disorders that can cause eye symptoms, some of these are true emergencies and should be evaluated by a medical provider right away. Any eye complaint that presents as a result of trauma, for example, eye pain made worse by sun light, visual changes, headaches, or ear pain, should be evaluated right away to rule out more serious causes.

# Second-hand smoke may cause tooth growth delays

Courtesy of the 77th Dental Squadron

If you want your children to have healthy, normal developed teeth, quit smoking around them. Children exposed to tobacco smoke from their parents may have delays in the formation of their permanent teeth, reports the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization

of general dentists dedicated to continuing dental education.

A recent study shows that exposing a child to tobacco smoke can delay development of the child's permanent teeth by four months on average; hence, the

normal age when a child's permanent teeth erupt — between age 3 and 6 — could be pushed back.

The most significant delays in dental development were observed when both parents smoked, and the least delays occurred when only the mother smoked. Surprisingly, children exposed to smoke only from their fathers showed a high

incidence of tooth formation delays, possibly demonstrating that "second-hand" smoke can be much more damaging than direct exposure just from a smoking mother.

"This is another strong example of how smoking stunts human growth and development," says Paul Bussman, DMD, a spokesman for the Academy, who

adds that smoking during pregnancy can also cause birth defects and other serious health problems. "If the father must smoke, he should do so in a well-ventilated, separate area from the mother and child. Both

parents, especially the mother, should never smoke during her pregnancy"

Dr. Bussman says that all smokers should be considerate of non-smokers, keeping in mind that their second-hand smoke can be a detriment to the health of those nearby, including pregnant mothers and their fetuses. "Ask your general dentist about ways you can quit smoking," Dr. Bussman says. "He or she should

be able to recommend a program that can help you kick the smoking habit for good."

## Medical Town Hall Meeting: Let's talk health

There will be a Town Hall meeting at the McClellan Air Force Base Theater, March 7, at 9 a.m., to discuss health issues with military beneficiaries affected by closure. Military beneficiaries will have the opportunity to express their health care concerns to a panel of military officials whose purpose is to solicit views from those affected by the changes in health care services.

The team will develop recommendations and suitable health care alternatives and submit them to the Secretary of Defense and Congress.

If you have questions or comments, please contact us. The 77th Medical Group will be more than happy to discuss your health care needs, explain how you can sign up for TRICARE Prime, what you need to do to prepare for using your Medicare benefits in the community, and any other questions you may have about your 77th Medical Group.

Now is the time to sign up for TRICARE Prime if you're eligible. We have all the information and are more than happy to teach you about the program. The following is a list of people you can call:

**Maj. Leslie Ness**, Flight Commander 643-8412 **Carol Lacert**, Director 643-8356

**Lt. Antoinette Valero**, Deputy Flight Commander 643-8382 **Flo Grapes**, Health Benefits Advisor 643-8536

Capt. Tracey Howerton, Utilization Manager 643-7427

TRICARE Service Center 1-800-242-6788

Master Sgt. Patricia Morris, Superintendent 643-7086

# CLSS gets a 'shot' of real-world medicine

**2nd Lt. Tom Knowles** SM-ALC Public Affairs

A 17-member team from the 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron left early Sunday morning from the Sacramento International Airport for the Persian Gulf in support of the recent U.S. build-up in the region.

The team specializes in aircraft battle damage repair of the A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft. There was no word as to how long the team would be deployed to the region, but each member was prepared for the long haul in order to accomplish their mission.

"What this team brings to the Joint Forces Air Component Commander is what the military calls a 'force multiplier.' In real terms, this 'force multiplier' gives commanders more flying missions per aircraft, getting them back into the fight where they're needed," said Lt. Col. John DuFresne, 652nd CLSS commander.

"We're prepared to spend quite some time over there, but we, of course, hope to be home as soon as possible," said Capt. Tom Pulling, an A-10 engineer assigned to the Aircraft Directorate. "We're definitely hoping for a peaceful resolution so that we can all come home to our families."

The unit was notified Friday that some of its members would be deploying, and late that afternoon, those members went



through a mobility processing line at Bldg. 263 in preparation for their departure.

Various base agencies were staged throughout the line to ensure all personnel records, shots, and legal affairs were current prior to be being deployed.

The team then received a current intelligence briefing on the situation in the gulf as well as briefings from Public Affairs, Family Support and the 77th Medical Group.

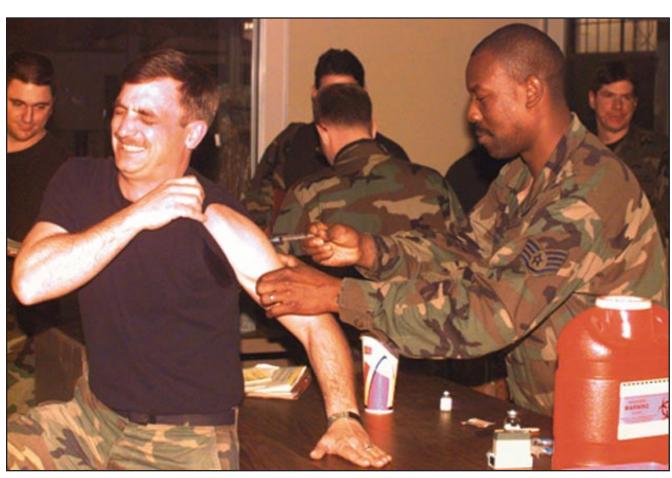
Despite the uncertainty about the gulf situation, confidence was high in the unit's ability to perform.

"We have a good team with us," said Senior Airman Christopher Bailey, 652nd CLSS. "We're professionals and we hope to come home safely."

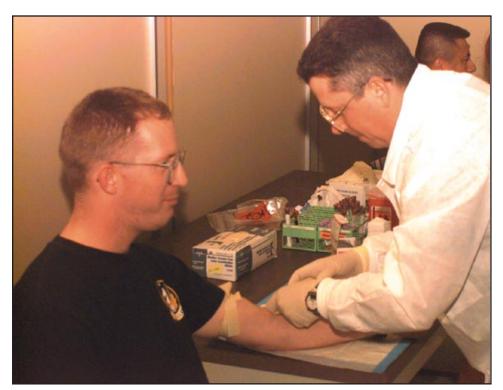
The team recently took part in an operational readiness inspection during the first week of February and honed their skills in battle damage repair under field conditions.

"This is what we've been trained for," said Tech. Sgt. James Bowen, 652nd CLSS. "We're prepared for it and we're ready to go."

Prior to this weekend's deployment, McClellan had about 40 people deployed in the Persian Gulf region supporting the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.



(Top) Staff Sgt. Richard S. Lehosky, Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems specialist, 652nd CLSS, shows his displeasure at receiving a mandatory shot from Staff Sgt. Darryl W. Rivers, NCOIC, Immunizations Clinic, Friday.



Tech. Sgt. Robert S. Bement, NCOIC, Clinical Laboratory, draws blood from Staff Sgt Shawn R. Carrigan, Aircraft Structural Maintenance and Repair technician, 652nd CLSS, for a mandatory pre-deployment HIV test.

## U.S. Air Force Photos by 2nd Lt. Tom Knowles



Bottom: Chief Master Sgt. Eddie J. Lewis, Chief Enlisted Maintenance manager, 652nd CLSS, processes through the mobility line Friday, stopping to speak with Capt. Amy L. Charlton, assistant chief of Military Justice and Master Sgt. Traci L. Glass, law office manager. All deploying personnel are required to have a will prior to deployment.

# Bioenvironmental Engineers are looking outfor us

Senior Airman Michael P. Coller SM-ALC Public Affairs

When a fire ignited in Bldg. 243G, Oct. 8, 1997, many base workers assumed the worst that chemical fumes, toxic smoke and deadly gases had been released. Due to the nature of the plating facility's operations, toxic chemicals could possibly have been released, forcing thousands to evacuate.

One of the first responding teams on scene was a crew of well-trained scientists in search of some answers. Bioenvironmental engineers, using a variety of sophisticated equipment, proceeded to conduct their investigation.

After determining the smoke and airborne gases presented only a small health risk to the community, the bio team provided cleanup guidance to cleanup crews in the affected areas. Long story short, their job wasn't finished for weeks after the blaze was extinguished.

This is only one aspect of the heavily-tasked

bio team. Bioenvironmental Engineering, a 36-person strong flight under the 77th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, has evolved into a key organization implementing the AF Occupational Safety and Health.

Their mission is to help make workplaces safe and keep families healthy by preventing potential health hazards.

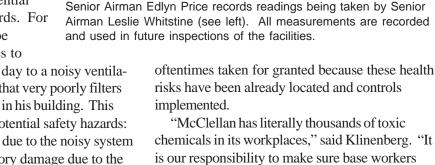
"Every day people come to work, do their job and go home," said Maj. Ed Klinenberg, Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight commander. "Our job is to make sure those people don't have to worry about health hazards."

Designing and monitoring controls to minimize health risks on the job play a large part in bio's day-to-day operations.

> Controls are considered to be any procedure or equipment used to prevent potential health hazards. For example, Joe Worker goes to

work every day to a noisy ventilation system that very poorly filters the dusty air in his building. This poses two potential safety hazards: hearing loss due to the noisy system and respiratory damage due to the dust particles floating around in the air. Possible controls in this situation would be a sound-proof enclosure to dampen the noise level and a more effective filter to clean the air more thoroughly. However, these systems may not be available immediately. In the interim, Joe may need to wear properly fitted hearing protection and respirators. Joe is happy now; he can concentrate on his job rather than worry about how his work is affecting his health.

Bioenvironmental engineers are



chemicals in its workplaces," said Klinenberg. "It is our responsibility to make sure base workers know the hazards of each chemical, the proper use of each, and the methods for minimizing their health risk."

"We visit every workplace and perform an onsite inspection," said Dale Gillespie, Bioenvironmental Engineering Special Operations Branch chief. "What people need to understand is that we do these inspections to benefit base workers, not to get them in trouble."

One of the ways McClellan and bio are working to help keep workplaces and the environment safe is through the Casting Emissions Reduction Program on base. Bldg. 238, here, is designed to reduce common emissions problems found in the

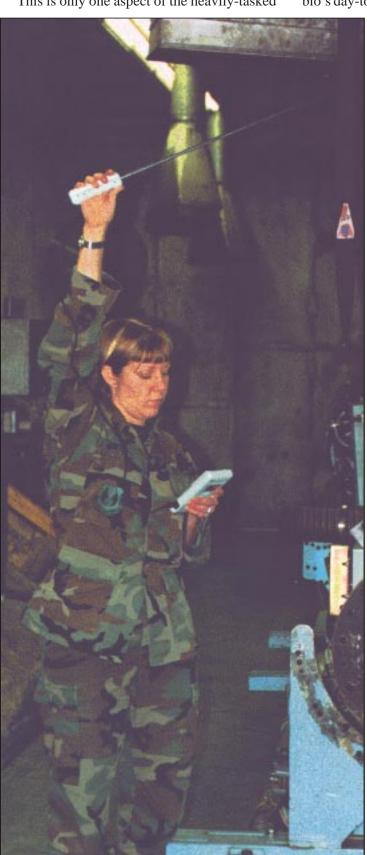
casting process. Different controls are being introduced into the process in an attempt to reduce harmful emissions.

When the subject of workplace safety comes up, we often think of material objects or chemical hazards that may pose problems.

More than 60 percent of the occupational health problems in the Air Force stem from ergonomics. One of the foremost experts on ergonomics in the Air Force happens to reside on the Bio team. Mentioned previously, Maj. Ed Klinenberg is taking the lead in an Air Force ergonomics program designed to educate Air Force workers about various tools and techniques which can reduce the damage to their musculoskeletal systems.

A bioenvironmental engineer is an engineer, industrial hygienist, and environmental specialist all wrapped up in one. If anyone thinks that bioenvironmental engineering's job isn't important, just try to imagine this base and the Air Force without them.

If you have any questions or concerns about health hazard issues in your workplace, contact Bioenvironmental Engineering at 3-0311, extension 0.







U.S Air Force Photos by Senior Airman Michael P. Coller

Senior Airman Leslie Whitstine, bioenvironmental technician, takes air flow readings from a ventilation system in a paint shop on base. Whitstine uses the Tri-Sense meter to measure the air velocity produced by the suction in the air duct. At right is the keypad and readout used to take the measurements

# Now showing at the base theater

## Mr. Magoo - Friday

Leslie Nielsen, Kelly Lynch - When a stolen gem lands in the hands of nearsighted millionaire, Quincy Magoo, a sinister plot is hatched to steal it back. Always the target of evil culprits, the elderly Magoo manages to escape, oblivious to the dangers around him. Magoo ultimately nabs the villains with the help of his nephew, Waldo, and his bulldog. PG (mild language and action sequences). 85 minutes.

### **Amistad** - Saturday

Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins - Based on a true story, during the summer of 1839, a group of Africans find themselves shackled and held captive in their native land. Once they board the Spanish slave ship, Amistad, they are bound for the U.S. The slaves create mutiny and take

over the ship, but fail in their attempt to sail home. Later, they find themselves strangers in a strange land and victims of the American legal system. R (some scenes of strong brutal violence, some related nudity). 152 minutes.

## Star Kid - Sunday

Joseph Mazzello, Joey Simmrin - Twelve-year-old Spencer finds a seven-foot human shaped cybersuit that has crashed to Earth. The suit is built to transport and fight; it can talk but can't move until someone steps inside it. Spencer steps inside and finds the courage to face his fears and the warrior that followed the suit to Earth. PG (fantasy combat violence and language). 100 minutes.

All movies start at 7 p.m.

# Recreation Briefs

#### •February bowling special

Bowl one game for \$1.50 until 6 p.m., when lanes are available. This special is not valid with any other offer. For more information, call 643-5752.

## •Sac State Hornets offer sports special to base personnel

The Hornets are offering two-forone tickets to all military/civilian employees of McClellan for their Feb. 27 game against Big Sky opponent, Northern Arizona. The game begins at 7:35 p.m., at Memorial Auditorium, 15th and J Streets.

To receive the two-for-one, simply present your military/civilian ID at the game. The ticket prices are \$6 general admission and \$10 reserved. For more details, contact Norm

Roberts, 643-0773 or web page: www.angelfire.com/ca/csushornets.

#### •Intramural Golf

The 1998 Intramural Golf season is upon us. Practice rounds will take place March 2, 16, 23, and 30. The regular season begins April 13. For further information, contact Master Sgt. Terry Barrow at 643-1890.

## CTAS team conducts Financial Transition workshop

**Gina C. Walker** Family Support Center

The Family Support Center Civilian Transition Assistance Specialists are now conducting the course "Surviving Financial Transition"

employees.

The course offers a financial planning overview that includes the effects

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behavior and emotions, tools to develop personal strategies, prioritizing and setting financial goals, making ends meet, where the jobs are, and who to call

for help. By practicing the following behavioral changes, individuals and/or

their rate of successfully surviving financial transition: maintaining

families

a positive attitude, facilitating open communica-

tion, dedication to specified goals, flexibility, as well as, developing and adhering to a viable spending plan.

The CTAS team also conducts the "Marketing Yourself" and "Job Search Techniques"

The team is available for individual career counseling sessions relating to mock interviewing techniques" (one-on-one and panel), marketing and job search techniques," as well as professional dress tips.

The courses are normally held in Bldg. 338, but because they are conducted by a mobile training team of professional transition specialists, they can be

## **Youth Center**

**Today:** Open recreation, 2 - 8 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 3 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 7 p.m.; Advanced Gymnastics, 3 - 4 p.m.

Friday: Open recreation, 2 - 6:30 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 4 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6:30 p.m.; Skate Night, grades 4 - 6, 7 - 9 p.m., \$2.75 per member, \$3.75 per guest.

**Saturday:** Open recreation, noon - 8 p.m.; gym closed due to basketball games; snack bar, noon - 7 p.m.; piano lessons, noon - 3 p.m. Junior Teen Night, grades 7 - 8, 7 - 10 p.m. FREE!!

Sunday: CLOSED.

**Monday:** Open recreation, 2 - 8 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 4 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 7 p.m.; Children's Self Defense, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2 - 8 p.m.; gym closed due to gymnastics and basketball practice; snack bar, 2 - 5 p.m. Beginning gymnastics, 2:15 - 3:15 p.m., and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Couple's Communication class, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., sign up with Family Advocacy, 643-1518.

Wednesday: Open recreation, 2 - 8 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 4 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 7 p.m.

conducted in your work area.

To register for any of these courses, follow the correct procedures required by your organization. Class schedules and sign-up sheets are available at the Family Support Center, Bldg. 1407, 643-1106.

The CTAS team includes: Gina C. Walker, Carolyn Diaz, and Neil Elder; they are located in Bldg. 338, Room 8, 643-6766.

# Paper published products soon to be history

#### John M. Ellis

of the loss of income on

77th Communications Squadron

The Air Force is rapidly migrating from manual, paper-based published products toward a fully electronic environment.

The goal is to create a perpetual, interactive, worldwide, online, real-time, source of official information.

The first step toward meeting the goal was taken by developing a structured system to organize, manipulate, query, and manage the Air Force publications.

The program recognized two categories of people who access the publication system: clients

(OPRs who own and create the information) and customers (the

end user of the published product).

Customers
can access the
libraries at their
organizational
level. All
Department of
Defense, Air
Force and Air
Force Materiel
Command
manuals, pamphlets, and
regulations that
do not have



restrictive distribution requirements are available at the web site for

viewing, printing or downloading to disk.

Customer Account Representatives may read the training instructions at the web site, http://www. int.mcclellan.af.mil/ cs/scsc. The training provides information necessary to open or close an account; instructions to establish, order, delete, or change requirements; a checklist to use before submitting your requirement and phone numbers to contrat the Command Publishing Distribution Center.

The Publishing Distribution Office will be closed by September 30. The only source for support will be the CPDC. The CPDC will no longer provide paper copies of documents that are available on the World Wide Web.

For detailed assistance in preparing for this pending closure, Customer Account Representatives may contact Mel Ruiz, at 643-3383



## F.Y.I.



#### **Commemorative Album** memorials

A section of the McClellan Commemorative Album will be available for memorials to honor loved ones and fellow workers who have passed away but are not forgotten. The cost is \$25 and you need to provide their name, picture, date of birth and death, and thirty words or less that express what you want them remembered for, such as highlights of their life and their dedication to McClellan.

Reserve your copy of the album by March 1 for \$48. Contact your Unit Public Affairs Representative, MCA Voice/ Fax, 485-0724 or call Victoria R. Merriweather, 643-6127.

### Blue Ribbon walk and family day

April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child. In support of this campaign, the Base Support Booster Club and Family Advocacy will sponsor the 4th Annual Blue Ribbon Walk and Family Day, April 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Freedom Park.

There will be a fun walk, guest speakers, entertainers, prizes and free food. This event is free to all base affiliated personnel and their families.

The Family Advocacy Office needs any assistance organizations or individuals can contribute to help promote this event. For more information, call Airman Michelle Sredinski, 643-8308, or Pamela Saepharn, 643-1518.



# Education



# New study skills class dates

New class dates are available for the Study Skills and Test Taking class. This class is primarily designed to help military members obtain the greatest benefits possible from military training courses and successfully complete off-duty education. However, we offer space-available positions for civilians. class dates are March 11, 18 and 25, and April 8 and 29. Military members, please contact your military training manager. Civilians, contact your civilian training coordinator, who will then contact the Base Education Office, Bldg. 8, Room 225, 643-4776, Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Airframe and powerplant license exams

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University will present a free seminar on how to petition the Federal Aviation Administration for authorization to take the Airframe and Powerplant license examinations, March 5, 3 p.m., Bldg. 8, Room 111. We will show you what documents you need, •; how to best explain your experience and how to present your information to the FAA. For more information, contact the Embry Riddle Office, 643-5990 or 920-9620.

## Meetings



## SMW meeting

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter #5, Membership and Business meeting will be held March 7, 1 p.m., in the Base Chapel Annex at McClellan. For more information, call 422-0891.

## MCA meeting

The Greater Sacramento Area Military Chaplains Association meeting is scheduled for March 19, 11:30 a.m., at the Officers' Club. The group will be working on their service project "The Little Red Wagon," so bring your tools and wear your "work clothes," and put your mechanical skills to work for a great cause. For more information, call retired Chaplain, Col., Cal Campbell at 722-5200.



## Social Event



#### AFSA installation dinner

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1322 & A1322 invites you to attend its annual Installation Dinner to recognize the 1998 chapter officers. The dinner will be held at the NCO Club, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Czepiel, senior enlisted advisor for the Sacramento Air Logistics Center. Dinner menu includes your choice of London Broil or Chicken Marco Polo. The cost is \$15. Contact Nancy Wheeler, 332-4855 or Joanne Theis, 344-3861, by March 3 for reservations.



## Classes



# Family Support Center

Please register to attend the following classes by calling 643-1106; class sizes are limited:

Kids on the Move - March 2, 4 to 5:30 p.m. This is a hands-on interactive class designed to assist military and civilian children with a smooth transition before they relocate to a new home.

Resume Writing Seminar - March 3, 8 a.m. to noon. This intensive seminar focuses on the preparation needed to write a resume. Content, style, and construction for writing a resume will be covered.

# McClellan's top performers recognized

Bonita L. Dobbs Staff Writer

After a great deal of hard work and some tough competition, four of McClellan's finest were honored last week at the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet. Recognized and presented with awards for their selection as the 1997 Airman, NCO, Senior NCO, and First Sergeant of the Year respectively, were Senior Airman Edward G. Pineda, Tech. Sgt. Kevin L. Stamper, Master Sgt. Suzanne E. Phillips, and Senior Master Sgt. Edward D. Cahoon. The four will now represent McClellan at MAJCOM level.

Pineda, a gas separations technician in the Technical Operations Division, has shown superior sample process knowledge. He recovered nine critical sample fractions from imminent total loss, and was a key team member in setting a new all-time Air Force Technical Application Center record of 5,133 gas samples separated without a loss.

His discovery and quick response isolation of the source of a potentially catastrophic equipment failure prevented fire and personal injury, and minimized system electrical component damage. Overall correction of the identical problem in several other units prevented a fire loss of over \$1 million.

Pineda's development of a new procedure

for exchanging helium cylinders reduced sample contamination by 55 percent. He spearheaded an emergency gas line installation project, eliminating the possibility of sample loss and avoiding damage to \$1.5 million worth equipment. With his superior maintenance skills, Pineda rebuilt two krypton manifolds in four hours,

one-third the normal time, increasing sample yields by 30 percent and production capability by 33 percent.

His community activities include spearheading a clothing drive in support of the January 1997 floods, acting as a soccer referee for the American Youth Soccer Organization, and volunteering in a charity soccer tournament to earn proceeds for the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation. He is also a volunteer member of the McClellan search and recovery team.

Stamper, a tactical aircraft maintenance craftsman with the 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron allows his peers to improve by the example he sets. His assistance to Technology and Support Directorate engineers was a direct contribution to the development of



U.S. Air Force Photo by Senior Airman Michael P. Coller Tech. Sgt. Kevin L. Stamper

prototype metal leading edge panels for the A-10 aircraft.

During the superintendent's absence, Stamper maintained excellent work flow, ensuring maintenance and administrative continuity. His abilities as a team leader for the red X certification process ensured all individuals met required Air Force and Air Force Materiel Command standards.

Stamper's development of an in-depth F-117A master training plan increased unit deployment training from 85 to 95 percent, reducing training shortfalls to 5 percent. As manager for the unit's mobility program, he ensured newly assigned personnel met all deployment requirements within 60 days

of arrival. His coordination and training of an 11-person depot field team deployment to Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico to complete four critical F-117A aircraft modification service bulletins 91 days ahead of schedule, saving \$2 million in costs.

During the 1997 northern California floods, Stamper assisted with the effort to save the town of Meridian, Calif. He assisted with a blood drive for the Leukemia Society of

> America raising over \$48,000 to help offset medical costs for a 12year-old leukemia patient.

On a higher note, Stamper's quick thinking and CPR skills saved the life of a 12year-old drowning victim. As a result of his courageous efforts, he was awarded the Air Force Sergeant's

Association Pitsenberger Award, the Noncommissioned Officers Association Vanguard
Award, and the Air Force Commendation

U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Dorothea Miller

Senior Airman Edward G. Pineda

Phillips, the chief of Service Contract Flight with the 77th Civil Engineer Group, planned and executed the transfer of the first \$4 million in service contracts during the first phase of the Civil Engineer's transition to private contractors for base closure. Her recalculation of the base's refuse tonnage reduced weight figures by 450 percent, for a potential savings of \$54,000 a year. Her accurate accounting allowed McClellan to exceed the Air Force's mandated 50 percent solid waste reduction goal by 20 percent.

Phillips serves as president of the 77th Civil Engineer Group Top 3 Association, and is an active member of the McClellan Base Top 3 Association, the Noncommissioned Officers Association and the Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Phillips played a key role in the Meridian Flood Relief Team during the 1997 northern California floods. She worked around the clock to provide the basic necessities for over 1,000 evacuees, minimizing the threat of disease.

Phillips participates in the Air Force Recruiting Service "Role Model" program, helped raise funds for the March of Dimes "1997" Walk



U.S. Air Force Photo by Senior Airman Michael P. Coller Master Sgt. Suzanne E. Phillips

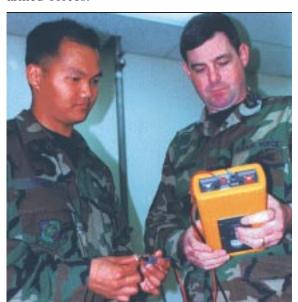
America;" and provided manual labor for the 'Christmas in April' program.

Cahoon's superb abilities as the first sergeant for both the Technical Operations Division at McClellan and the 4416th Intelligence Squadron, Prince Sultan Air Base, Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia were the key to his nomination and selection as First Sergeant of the Year.

He provides day-to-day counseling and guides enlisted members through a myriad of personal problems. He designed a self-help guide which shares tips and instructions for supervisors, nominees and members on all aspects of quarterly and annual enlisted recognition awards boards.

While deployed as First Sergeant for the 4416th Intelligence Squadron, Cahoon led in the construction of decks for all tents, ensured clean comfortable common areas for rest and recreation, instituted water and linen distribution from his own quarters, replaced all field cots with single beds, and acquired bicycles from DRMO and other units to create a unit transportation fleet. Cahoon was the driving force behind obtaining a renovated 76-room unit dormitory, greatly enhancing the quality of life and improving resident contact and camaraderie.

As elected president of the Prince Sultan Air Base First Sergeants Council, Cahoon led 30 first sergeants, affecting the lives of 4,000 enlisted members in a challenging combat environment. He organized the largest change of command, pass-in-review ceremony ever conducted in Southwest Asia, an effort that included eleven units with over 400 troops and static displays of aircraft from three nations and armed forces.



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